Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 64

## BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 15:873(A) and (C), relative to the rate of inmate compensation;
3	to provide for increased wages for inmates who are assigned to Prison Enterprises
4	or who are certified as academic tutors; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 15:873(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7	follows:
8	§873. Rate of inmate compensation; source of funding
9	A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections may
10	establish various rates of compensation as an incentive to inmates incarcerated in
11	state correctional facilities. The rates shall be according to the skill, industry, and
12	nature of the work performed by the inmate and shall be no more than twenty cents
13	per hour, except that inmates who are assigned to Prison Enterprises' industrial,
14	agricultural, service, or other programs may be compensated at a rate up to forty
15	cents per hour and inmates who are Certified Academic Tutors and Certified
16	Vocational Tutors may be compensated at a rate of up to one dollar per hour, and
17	shall be as provided for by in accordance with rules established by the secretary of
18	the department and adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative
19	Procedure Act.
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21	C. Inmates assigned to a certified Private Sector/Prison Industry
22	Enhancement program shall be paid by either the private sector company that
23	employs them or by Prison Enterprises in accordance with the operational model

1	used. Such wages shall be subject to state and federal taxes and mandatory
2	deductions required for a Private Sector/Prison Industry Enhancement program.
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	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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